

THE MISSOURI LEGISLATURE

WHAT THE LAWMAKERS ARE DOING IN JEFFERSON CITY.

Senators And Representatives Are Busily Engaged in Making New Laws.

Jefferson City, Mo.—In executive session the senate confirmed the following appointments, made by Gov. Hadley:

Dr. W. P. Cutler, Kansas City, state dairy and food commissioner, four years.

Henry Andrea of Jefferson City, warden of the penitentiary, four years.

Dr. James M. Waterman of Breckenridge, prison physician, four years.

Robert B. Middlebrook, police commissioner of Kansas City, four years, vice A. E. Gallagher.

Henry S. Caulfield, excise commissioner of St. Louis, four years from April 1, 1909.

W. G. Pendleton of Boonville and John M. Williams of California, members of the board of managers of the Boonville reform school for boys, each for a term expiring February 1, 1911.

W. K. Amick of St. Joseph and Henry D. Faxon of Kansas City, members of the board of managers of the St. Joseph asylum for the insane, each for a term expiring February 1, 1911.

FAVOR PRISON REFORM.

Senate Committee That Visited Penitentiaries Makes Report.

Jefferson City.—The special committee of the senate that visited the Eastern penitentiaries since the 1907 session filed its report with the senate. Among the things recommended is the abolition of the whipping post, which has been a regular part of the institution's discipline since the penitentiary was started; that first offenders who show good behavior be not required to wear stripes; that better cell houses be built, and that as fast as may be practicable the state should stop contract labor and establish shops to make all kinds of supplies for the state institutions. There are bills pending to make some of these changes. The committee was composed of McDavid, Bradley and Eads.

Casey Defends His Bill.

Jefferson City, Mo.—Senator Casey was given a hearing Monday on his "loan shark" bill before the house judiciary committee. He designated business houses taking wage assignments to guarantee the payment for clothing and jewelry as separating mills that should be driven from the state. He read from a contract of a Kansas City jewelry house and said that the instrument when signed constituted a bill of sale, power of attorney and a lease. "It's a case of fifty cents down and a dollar forever," Senator Casey said. "If you ever get in the clutches of one of those sharks you're gone. They will not only collect from you, but from any member of your family, as long as anyone can be found to pay them."

Ask Hints on Revision.

Jefferson City.—In order to assist the revision committee in its work, the house adopted a resolution inviting supreme and court of appeals judges and officers and members of bar associations to send suggestions. The individual members of the commission have also issued an open invitation to lawyers of large practice to make suggestions.

School Bill Defeated.

Jefferson City, Mo.—A bill by Hadley to enforce a full term of school for children and to remove the right of parents on account of destitution to leave children out of school was defeated in the house. The bill provoked considerable discussion among the different teacher-members of the house and they were far apart in their ideas on the subject.

Oil Inspection.

Jefferson City, Mo.—The house ways and means committee reported favorably the administration coal oil inspection bill. This is the measure that abolishes the present system of about 300 coal oil inspectors and installs an inspector and six deputies to perform this work. The board of equalization full assessment bill also was reported favorably. The bill does not materially change the present law, but seeks by additional interrogatories and an increased penalty for returning a false statement to increase the present revenue.

Beat the Oregon Plan.

Jefferson City, Mo.—The selection of candidates for the United States Senate at the state primary instead of general elections is the principal feature of the committee substitute for house bills 18, 111, 242 and 266 which was adopted and later ordered engrossed and printed by a vote of 75 to 56. The aforementioned bills sought to change the present plan of voting for United States senator, and the house elections committee prepared a substitute for all of them.

SALOONS IN CASS COUNTY.

Local Option Election Was Illegal Says Court of Appeals.

Kansas City, Mo.—The drought in Cass county, Missouri caused by the application of the local option law, was broken Monday morning by the Kansas City court of appeals. The court held that the local option election prohibiting saloons in Cass county was illegal because the inhabitants of Pleasant Hill were permitted to vote. The law says that a county local option election shall not include towns that have more than 2,500 inhabitants. Towns of that size have their own local option elections. A census of Pleasant Hill showed that it had 2,569 inhabitants.

The decision was on application for writ of mandamus made by J. K. Wirt, a saloon keeper in Harrisonville, and Ned Swarthout, a saloon keeper in Pleasant Hill, against the judges of the Cass county court. The Kansas City court of appeals issued the writs commanding the Cass county judges to issue the saloon licenses.

NO BACK TAXES THERE.

The Town of Old Conception Has Prompt Paying Inhabitants.

Marysville, Mo.—County Clerk Demott of this (Nodaway) county has just compiled the back tax statistics of the county for the last ten years. In this time the town of Old Conception in the southeast part of the county has allowed only 70 cents in back taxes and penalties to collect against any of its residents. It has a population of about 500 people, most of whom are monks from the Benedictine order, which has a monastery at Old Conception, and the Sisters of the Perpetual Adoration, who have a convent at Old Conception.

The sisters maintain the largest printing establishment of the Catholic church at this point and all the work is done by women.

New Conception, three miles distant and with a larger population, owes more than \$100 back taxes.

AN EARLY BUILDER.

L. M. Lawson Who Died at St. Joseph Constructed Railroad in War Time.

St. Joseph, Mo.—L. M. Lawson, 72 years old, formerly an attorney here, later a banker in New York city, died Sunday night in a private hospital in this city. He was associated with John M. Bassett in the building of the old St. Louis & St. Joseph railroad, now known as the Lexington branch of the Santa Fe, which was the first line ever run into this part of the country from St. Louis. The road was built at the time of the Civil war and was used for transporting troops. Col. Lawson went to New York in 1868, where he was associated with the firms of Donnell, Lawson & Co., and Simpson & Co., bankers. He was given the degree of LL.D. at the University of Missouri last June. He is survived by his widow and two sons who live in New York.

Demand County Unit Option.

Chillicothe, Missouri.—Resolutions asking Representative H. P. Scruby of Livingston county to vote for the county unit local option bill were forwarded to Jefferson City and in the same mail went numerous personal letters to Mr. Scruby with the same request. This action was the result of a big temperance mass meeting held here Sunday afternoon.

Hadley Still is Hopeful.

Jefferson City, Mo.—Although the railroads' representatives have gone home and there is now no proposition pending, several railroads have, on the outside, expressed their willingness to consent to a maximum passenger rate of two and a half cents and Gov. Hadley is convinced that negotiations will be reopened in a few days.

Sypsy Wedding Stopped.

Maryville, Mo.—Recorder Lee Carpenter broke up a Gypsy tribal jubilee and wedding here Saturday by refusing to issue a marriage license to a Romany couple. The boy was 12 years old and the girl 14. The tribe is the "King Joe Adams" gang and has been encamped here for a week. A general febach has been in progress for three days in honor of what was to have been the wedding. More than \$1,000 has been spent by the tribe in buying artificial flowers and spangles and gaudy clothing and whisky in the last three days. The Gypsies are threatening to mandamus Recorder Carpenter to make him issue the license. The parents of the boy and girl give their consent.

Installation Houses Against It.

Jefferson City, Mo.—M. F. Russell and X. L. Bentley of Kansas City registered with the secretary of state Wednesday as legislative agents. The latter represents the Retail Dealers' association, and the former the Credit Dealers' association. Both are here to oppose Senator Casey's bill prohibiting the assignment of unearned wages.

CABINET IS STRONG

MR. BRYAN'S STRICTURES WILL PASS UNHEEDED.

President Taft's Selection of His Official Advisers Has the Approval of the Voters Who Gave Him High Office.

In attacking the personnel of President Taft's cabinet Mr. Bryan acts within his undeniable rights as a citizen and a mold of public opinion. His strictures in this particular case, however, are open to criticism as being somewhat hasty.

The cabinet, it would seem, does not appear to be radical enough to suit the man who made the race against Mr. Taft for the presidency. The responsibility of selecting men to head the various departments of the government, however, was placed upon Mr. Taft's shoulders by the electorate, and it is safe to assume that this responsibility was something that weighed with voters in a campaign in which there was no great conflict of principles and in which the real issue was as to the qualifications of the candidates to carry forward policies to which the general sentiment of the country was committed.

Some of Mr. Bryan's criticism is aimed specifically at the Democrats who have been given place in the new cabinet. He seems to think that if his successful rival wanted to recognize Democrats in making up his official family he should have made the test of Democracy constant and unconditional support of the three-times nominee of the party for the presidency. In this connection it is pertinent to suggest that the selection of Mr. MacVeagh for the treasury portfolio was practically devoid of political significance, while the selection of Mr. Dickinson for secretary of war was dictated by a desire to have some one in the cabinet who was thoroughly representative of the south in a broad political way. The south, generally speaking, appears to have no fault to find.

Mr. Bryan, apparently cannot wholly forget those old days of sixteen to one that caused the original split in his party. He cannot forget that Mr. MacVeagh addressed a meeting of gold Democrats in 1896, which perhaps rankles more than his support of Taft in 1908. Mr. Bryan's feelings with regard to Mr. Dickinson probably are due to the same unfortunate inability to forget the past.

As for the new cabinet's not being a "reform cabinet" and the ignoring of the progressive element in its composition, it might be asked whether there has been a demand for the Bryan reform in this particular. The same criticism Mr. Bryan directs at the Taft cabinet would apply to the personnel of Roosevelt cabinets; yet under the Roosevelt administration unprecedented progress was made along lines approved by the people. President Taft has informed the country as to his policy of continuing progressive action, and it is to be assumed that those accepting appointment to his cabinet will aid that policy. Calmness would seem to be in order until there is actual reason to doubt that such is the case.

Ellot for St. James.

The United States would be greatly honored by the appointment of President Eliot as ambassador to the court of St. James. The suggestion is one that is highly attractive. No man in the country is better fitted for this distinguished diplomatic position. Dr. Eliot has withdrawn from the conspicuous post of many years. But he is strong and well. His many notable qualifications stamp him as the most suitable person the United States has for its representative near the throne of Great Britain.

Mr. Bryce has strengthened materially the ties of friendship between the two nations. A man of cabinet timber himself, he has given his splendid talents to an ambassadorship that will be remembered long in the history of Anglo-American diplomacy. He has been a welcome guest wherever he has gone in the United States. His selection and his service have both contributed toward the improvement of the international relationships of two great powers.

President Eliot is the man to carry the greetings of our country to England. He would rank well with the distinguished men of scholarship who have filled the lofty position in years gone by. If he can be induced to accept the place his selection will add new glory to the auspicious beginning of the Taft administration.

President Knows South's Needs.

The south's vital and pressing problems are economic. President Taft realizes it; the country realizes it, and if the new president can bring the south to realize it he will render the south and the nation a great service. It is evident, from his inaugural address, that he means to make the effort, and without the slightest desire to gain any mere party advantage in that section.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS

Sue for Student's Death.

For the death of Floyd Tinsley, a pupil at the Irving school, Kansas City, who died February 2, following vaccination performed at the school the previous month, the parents have filed suit in the circuit court for \$10,000 damages against the school board, the hospital and health board, Dr. W. S. Wheeler, health commissioner; Dr. H. DeLamater, who did the vaccinating, and Gertrude E. Greene, principal of the school. They allege that the boy was vaccinated without their knowledge. It will be remembered that, following the death, there was a controversy, the physician asserting that the virus used in the vaccination was pure and that infection had resulted from improper care of the wound afterwards, on both of which statements issue was taken by the parents.

Students Edit a Paper.

The Normal School Index is the style of a weekly paper which appeared recently and is published by the students of the Kirksville State normal school. It is a student publication, managed by a board of directors and will be issued during nine months each year. O. G. Sanford is the editor and G. W. Corporan, the advertising and circulation manager of the new paper. It is the purpose of the management to give not only the local college news but to give the alumni news, and to bring the alumni in closer touch with the normal school. The Index is issued from the press of the Kirksville Journal and is in magazine form.

Says Peaches Are Safe.

Judge David Kinsey, a recognized authority on fruit conditions, has made a careful examination of the peach buds in Central Missouri and says everything points to a large crop. He has traveled extensively over Pettis and adjacent counties and brought home with him twigs from many orchards, not one of which shows a single dead bud. Unless there should be an unexpected freeze, Judge Kinsey says, there will be large crops of peaches, apples, pears, plums, cherries and all kinds of berries.

To Boost the Writers' Course.

Two years' work in the college of arts and science of the University of Missouri or its equivalent will be required for admission to the department of journalism beginning with the session of 1911-12. The name of the department will be changed to the school of journalism, if the board of curators of the university approves the recommendation of the journalism faculty. This action was taken at a recent meeting of the faculty of the department of journalism.

Campus Shooting Accidental.

Charles Finn, a special policeman, who shot and killed Calvin Finkle, a 19-year-old Drury college student last Halloween, was acquitted by a jury in the criminal court at Springfield. He was charged with murder in the second degree. The killing occurred on the Drury campus, when Finn tried to stop some pranks. He testified that he shot Finkle accidentally. Finkle was a son of a professor in the college.

Cass County Election Held Void.

The Kansas City court of appeals has handed down an opinion in which it declared void the election held in Cass county December 14, 1908, adopting local option.

Fire Threatened Reed Springs.

Fire at Reed's Springs destroyed the private stables of C. C. Bush, ten horses and a cow perishing in the flames and about \$3,000 worth of grain was destroyed. Half the buildings in town caught fire and a bucket brigade had a hard time preventing the entire destruction of the town.

New Brewing Company Chartered.

With bills restricting the traffic and proposed amendments to the constitution to prevent the manufacture and sale of intoxicants in this state pending in the Missouri legislature, Secretary of State Roach was called upon the other day to issue articles of incorporation to the Appleton Brewery company, located at Appleton City, in St. Clair county, and capitalized at \$30,000.

Follows Husband to Grave.

Mrs. William E. Bradley, for 60 years a resident of Johnson county, died at Holden just nine days after the death of her husband. They were married 56 years ago, their only son dying at 17 years. Mrs. Bradley was apparently in good health the day of her funeral, but was taken shortly afterward with pneumonia. There is no doubt that grief was largely responsible for her death.

A \$60,000 Cape Girardeau Fire.

Fire in the business section of Cape Girardeau caused a loss of \$60,000, of which \$50,000 was on the Planters mill.

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